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**In Re Application of Meier, W. et al.**

**Filing Date:** July 13, 2000

**Examiner:** G. Kishore

**Serial No.:** 09/615,305

**Art Unit:** 1615

**Title:** Amphiphilic Copolymer Vesicles

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The following comments and claim amendments are submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 25, 2001.

The Examiner has subjected claims 1-28 to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has divided the claims into the following groups:

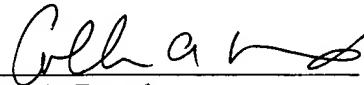
Group I: claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 12-15, 17, 19, 27, and 28- drawn to vesicles;

Group II: claims 3-5, 7-9, 11, 16, 18, and 20- drawn to nanocapsules; and

Group III: claims 21-26- drawn to a method of making nanocapsules.

The claims of group II are elected with traverse. Applicant does not believe that it would impose undue hardship on the Examiner to search for relevant prior art to the claims in all three of the groups.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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